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TO: JON HOWE FOR MR KISSINGER
 FM: BRENT SCOWCROFT

0934 - SECURE TELECON/INCOMING -BG WOODWARD USA -MON, 3/26/72
 BG - I WANTED TO TELL YOU THAT I JUST CAME BACK FROM TALKING
 TO THE CHIEF OF THE DRV DELEGATION, GEN . . . , AND HE HAS SUG-
 GESTED TO ME ESSENTIALLY THE SCHEDULE THAT I HAD PROPOSED TO
 HIM THIS AFTERNOON, THAT IS THAT THE PW'S WOULD BE RELEASED
 WITH THE PRG PW'S BEING RELEASED TO THE US TOMORROW AFTERNOON,
 THE 27TH--THAT WOULD BE 32 PRG PW'S RELEASED TO THE US AT GIA
 LAM, ON THE MORNING OF THE 28TH THEY WILL RELEASE THE PATHET
 LOA PR'S--9 US AND 1 CANADIAN--TO THE CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE
 (HE IS A CIVILIAN, AS YOU RECALL), WE MUST TAKE AN INTERPRETER
 IN LAO WITH US AND, OF COURSE, THE EXCHANGE WILL BE DIRECTLY
 BETWEEN THE PATHET LAO TO US AND THERE WILL BE NO ICCS OR
 JOINT MILITARY TEAM OBSERVE IT, AND, ON THE 28TH, IN THE AFTER-
 NOON, THE DRV WILL RETURN 40 PW'S TO US AN GIA LAM AND, ON THE
 29TH, THEY WILL RETURN THE REMAINING 67 PW'S TO US. IN RETURN,
 40THE REMAING 67 PW'S TO US. IN RETURN, WE WILL WITHDRAW THE
 REMAINING TROOPS FROM THE AREA ON THE 27TH, 28TH, AND 29TH.
 THEY FURTHER HAVE PROPOSED THAT THEY RETURN TO HANOI (THAT IS THE
 DRV DELEGATION TO THE FOUR PARTY) DRV RETURN TO HANOI ON THE
 30TH AND 31ST AND WE WITHDRAW AT THE SAME TIME.

CJCS - THAT'S THE FOUR PART MILITARY COMMITTEE?

BG - YES, SIR, I ASKED THEM IF THEY HAD ANY INSTRUCTIONS OR
 ANY INFORMATION AS TO ANY POSSIBILITY OF THE CONTINUANCE AND
 THEY DID NOT, GEN . . . , SAID.

CJCS - HOW ABOUT THE MARINES? DID THEY SAY ANYTHING TO YOU
 ABOUT THE MARINE GUARDS AT THE EMBASSY?

BG - NO, SIR, THEY DID NOT ACTUALLY AND I THINK THAT MEANS
 THAT THEY WILL NOT BRING THAT UP TO ME. THERE IS ONE THING

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THAT THEY MADE SPECIAL MENTION OF AND TO WHICH I AGREED, AND THAT IS THAT THEY REQUESTED THAT WE ISSUE NO NEWS ON THE PATHET LAO RELEASE OF THE PW'S UNTIL THE PATHET LAO CAN RELEASE IT. THE DRV WILL, IN RETURN, RELEASE THE INFORMATION TO THE PRESS. I TOLD THEM I ASKED GEN ... TO INFORM THE PATHET LAO THAT THEY SHOULD DO THAT IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE ONCE I PUT THIS IN A CABLE TO GO HOME IT WAS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP IT SECRET. GEN WEYAND (WHO IS ON THE OTHER TELEPHONE RIGHT NOW TALKING TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER GIVING HIM THE SAME INFORMATION) ASKED THAT YOU BE TOLD THAT HE STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS.

CJCS - LET ME REPEAT MY UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR AGREEMENT. IT WAS THAT THEY/WE WOULD NOT OVERTLY RELEASE THIS INFORMATION UNTIL THE PATHET LAO ARE READY TO RELEASE IT?

BG - THAT'S RIGHT, WE WOULD HOLD THAT INFORMATION UNTIL THE PATHET LAO HAD RELEASED IT AND THE DRV WOULD INFORM ME WHEN THEY HAD DONE SO.

CJCS - I UNDERSTAND. I DON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT AND IT LOOKS LIKE THEY CAME AROUND TO YOUR WAY.

BG - YES, THEY DID.

CJCS - YOU'VE DONE A GREAT JOB, WOODY. ARE YOU GOING TO COMMENCE NOW THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF THE PW'S?

BG - WE'RE MAKING ARRANGEMENTS RIGHT NOW AND THE PLANES ARE SET UP AND ALL THE REST OF IT.

CJCS - IF WE RELEASE THAT INFORMATION, THE FIRST QUESTION WE ARE GOING TO GET ASKED IS DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE PATHET LAO AGREED TO OUR DEMANDS?

BG - I KNOW THAT, I THINK IF WE CAN HOLD BACK FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS WE MAY BE SAVED, BUT I DON'T KNOW.

CJCS - I THINK YOU ARE RIGHT IN SAYING IT'LL PROBABLY LEAK IN THE PRESS. OF COURSE, THE BASIC QUESTION THEY'LL ASK IS:

"OKAY, WHO GAVE IN TO WHAT? WHAT KIND OF CONDITIONS DO WE HAVE WITH RESPECT TO THE LAO PW'S AND WHAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS OTHER RELEASE?"

BG - THERE ARE NO CONDITIONS ATTACHED AT ALL. I THINK THE THING MADE THEM BUY IT IS THAT THERE WAS NO OVERT LINKAGE WITH LAO PW'S QUESTION AND THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND THEY LIKE THAT AND THAT IS REALLY IT, SIR.

CJCS - I AM GOING TO REPORT THIS INFORMATION TO THE WHITE HOUSE RIGHT NOW AND, IF THERE IS ANY DIFFICULTY, I'LL CALL YOU BACK.

BG - GEN WEYAND WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO YOU, SIR.

MACV - HELLO, TOM. AS I THINK YOU KNOW, THE AMBASSADOR GOT WORD FROM THEIU APPROVING THE IDEA OF EXTENDING THE LIFE OF FPMC AND WE THEN WENT OVER THIS PROPOSITION THAT WOODY HAS JUST GIVEN YOU AND THE AMBASSADOR FELT THAT SINCE HE HAD JUST GOTTEN THAT OFF TO WASHINGTON AND PARIS, REALLY

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THE THING PROBABLY HASN'T HAD TIME TO NEGOTIATE IT WITH THE OTHER THREE PARTIES (OR TWO PARTIES), IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FMPC/OUTFIT WILL BE CONTINUED. HE BELIEVES THESE CAN BE HANDLED ALL RIGHT IF HANDI BUYS IN ON IT. BUT IT DOESN'T AFFECT THE REST OF THE PROGRAM WOODIE HAS JUST GIVEN YOU.

CJCS-OKAY, IT IS UP TO THE NVNESE NOW, IS THAT WHAT YOU ARE SAYING?

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